

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a granular detergent component comprising a cross-linked polyacrylate organic superabsorbing material, which process comprises absorbing an aqueous solution of detergent ingredient on the organic superabsorbing material and removing water by an evaporative process, wherein the component comprises at least 40 wt% of a surfactant or mixture of surfactants.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises an anionic surfactant.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises a nonionic surfactant.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises cationic surfactant.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises a polymer.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polymer is amphoteric, nonionic or cationic.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution or dispersion of detergent ingredient contains from 20% to 90% by weight of surfactant.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of detergent ingredient and the organic superabsorbent material are mixed in a high shear mixer.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of detergent ingredient and the organic superabsorbent material are mixed in a flash thin film evaporator/dryer.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of detergent ingredient and the organic superabsorbent material are mixed in a low shear mixer.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the maximum temperature of the detergent component during the process is 150°C.

Claims 12-15 (Cancelled)